

REMARKS

The Examiner has required that Applicant designate one of the inventions that belong to the identified set of claims as set forth in the Office Action mailed December 13, 2005 and then elect to prosecute a particular Invention and Species. Currently, claims 1-22, 37-60 99-102, and 105-111 are pending in the application. In this Amendment, claims 10-18 and 49-55, 108-110 have been withdrawn per the Examiner's Office Action dated on December 13, 2005. Claims 5 and 56 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Claims 1-22, 37-60, 99-102 and 105-111 are currently subjected to a restriction requirement. The Examiner stated that:

Invention I include Claims 1-9, 19-22, 37-48, 56-60, 99-102, 105-107, and 111; and

Invention II include Claims 108-110, and thus requiring the Applicants to elect one invention for examination.

Applicant elects Invention I, which again, would include claims 1-9, 19-22, 37-48, 56-60, 99-102, 105-107 and 111.

The Examiner further required the Applicant to elect a Species for Examination. Applicant elects Species I, reading on an apparatus wherein the conductive medium is a paste. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 20, 22, 37-38, 40-41, 45, 48, 56-60, 105-107 and 111 read on Species I.

The Examiner did not indicate whether "electrically conductive tape" is a specific species being restricted since it was not listed in the eight (8) species that the Examiner restricted. Claims 4 and 43 reads on "electrically conductive tape."

Currently, claims 99 and 101 depend from claim 20 and claims 100 and 102 depend from claim 45. Claims 20 and 45 both pertain to “conductive polymer”, which were not restricted out as a species (the Examiner did not indicate whether “conductive polymer” is a species) Thus, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction of Species 4 and 5 which read on claims 99 and 101, and 100 and 102, respectfully since claims 20 and 45 are their respective generic claims.

Further, Species I was elected only for in the event that no generic claims are finally held allowable. Applicant submits that with respect to “conductive medium”, claims 1, 37 and 111 are generic claims. Thus, when claims 1, 37, and 111 are found allowable, the claims reading on Species 1-8 should then be likewise allowable.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact Mimi Diemmy Dao at (408) 720-8300.

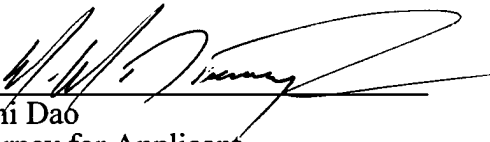
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Respectfully submitted,

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